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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" First of all, facts have got to be verified. He has put the question ' if it is a fact that the factory has violated '. That ' if ' has got to be verified. That is why we are asking the Labour Commissioner to verify the matter."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the trouble in the Raja Rajeswari Weaving Mills has been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister, and in view of the fact that serious troubles have happened, and 69 workers are starving (this is a fact even according to the Hon. Minister) The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao : ' No.') and in view of the fact that we have represented to the Hon. Minister in the matter and we take the responsibility of proving the case, will the Government be pleased to take action to see that justice is done? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is only in view of these facts that I am asking the Labour Commissioner to find out the truth of the matter."

Direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

* 361 *Q.*—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many directly recruited Police Sub-Inspectors were there in Madras State on 1st October 1952;

(*b*) how many Police Sub-Inspectors were there on 1st October 1952 who had been promoted from the ranks in Madras State;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the reversion of those Sub-Inspectors who had been promoted from the ranks to the posts of Head Constables for lack of vacancies;

(*d*) how many Sub-Inspectors of Police have been reverted in the months of September and October 1952; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that among those reverted there are people who had completed their probation and had a service of 4 to 6 years to their credit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 1,767.

" (*b*) 638.

" (*c*) Officiating Sub-Inspectors promoted from the ranks reverted for want of vacancies consequent on direct recruits, who were till recently under-represented, taking charge of stations on completion of their training.

" (*d*) 65.

" (*e*) Yes, a few, Sir."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" Will the Government consider the reservation of 50 per cent of the Sub-Inspectors' posts for departmental promotions? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. It has already been considered, and 30 per cent is considered to be fair."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in answer to clause (*e*), the Hon. Minister was pleased to say ' there are a few '. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether, in future, the cases of these unfortunate few, will be considered when questions of promotion come up? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is actually under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, what happened to the newly created posts of assistant Sub-Inspectors two years before? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will please give notice of a separate question."

Repairs to the bridge over the Yeleru river, Peddapur taluk.

* 362 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation has been received complaining about the neglect in taking up the repairs to the bridge (which was washed out in the cyclone of 1949) on the G.N.T. Road over the Yeleru river at the village of Yerravaram in Peddapur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Chief Engineer has already been asked to arrange to push through the work and complete it as expeditiously as possible. The tender for the work is expected to be settled shortly and the work will be taken up for execution soon after."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Do the Government realize that between the cyclone of 1949 and the cyclone of 1952 three years have elapsed, and are the Government aware of the great inconvenience caused to the public? This is one of the main thoroughfares of the State and one of the gateways from the East Godavari Agency to the plains area? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I take the facts from the hon. Member."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I am glad that the Hon. Minister takes facts from me. But having taken those facts, may I ask the Government to expedite the matter? What action do they propose to take to reconstruct the bridge at the earliest possible moment? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I wish to invite the attention of the hon. Members to the answer I have already